REMARKS

Original Claims 1 - 34 have been cancelled. New Claims 35 - 68 have been added. New Claims 35-68 are essentially based on original Claims 1-34 that have been revised to comply with USPTO rules. Support for Claim 68, which is based on original Claim 34, is found throughout the specification and, in particular, on page 2, last paragraph and page 3, second to last paragraph of the English translation. A "Related Applications" paragraph has been added. No new matter has been added.

Information Disclosure Statement

An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being filed concurrently herewith to cite references from the PCT Search report. Entry of the IDS is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Entry of the Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (978) 341-0036.

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